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WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 1872.

THE FARMER.

FLUCTUATIONS IN FARMING.

There is no remedy for fluctuation in prices. It depends on causes beyond the control of an individual farmer. It is not caused to any great extent by "middlemen," or speculators, or rail-road monopolies. It depends on the great law of supply and demand. All that these men can do is to aggravate the evil. By refusing to buy when the supply is large, they may depress prices to a point far below the cost of production; and by refusing to sell when there is a scarcity they may force an article up to an exorbitant rate. But this is all that they can do. Instead of wasting our energies in trying to remedy this evil, it is better to accept the fact that it has always existed and always will exist, and act accordingly.

The real remedy is for a farmer to adopt a fixed and definite system of management, and stick to it. At this time last year potatoes were not worth here 25 cents a bushel, now they are worth over a dollar a bushel. Taking one year with another, the crop in favorable localities can be made profitable. Make up your mind about how many acres it is best to plant on your farm, and plant no more nor less, no matter what the price may be. And so with wheat, barley, corn, oats and other crops. And the same is true in regard to raising pork, mutton, wool, beef, butter, cheese, etc. Adopt a system and stick to it. These articles will always be wanted, and will bring prices in the long run, in proportion to the time, labor, skill, capital and intelligence required to produce them.

The other reason why farmers are getting such inadequate compensation for their labor is the low average yield per acre. The remedy for this is, to a great extent, under our control. We must farm better.

Custom sanctions eating the corn directly from the cob; to be sure, it is not exactly an elegant operation, and yet it gives the richest flavor of which the vegetable is susceptible.

But there are both children and old persons whose teeth are so impeded

that they cannot eat the corn from the cob without tearing off some whole kernels which are not easily disposed, and frequently cause a disorder of the stomach. Careful persons, therefore, sit down each row on the cob with a sharp knife, and then the nutritious and digestible particles of the corn alone are eaten. Some ingenious person, however, has invented a "Yankee ear-cutter"; it is a half cylinder of tin, with a handle to hold it on the cob, and across it there is a strip of wire projecting from the top, and above it is a sharp edge. The cutter is passed down the cob, and so held that the teeth cut the kernels of corn, while the wire presses out the pulp and juice. In a few minutes even a child can cut and press out all the nutritious matter, leaving nothing but empty hulls on the cob.

For making sandwiches, that most delicious dish, these little contrivances will be very desirable, doing the work much more completely and expeditiously than a sharp knife could do it, and for making corn oysters or fritters, it will be a most excellent assistant.

The last named dish is such an addition to our breakfast table that we must write it down for the benefit of others:

CORN Fritters.—Boil a dozen ears of corn more than are needed for dinner, and while warm, scrape them with the corn-cutter, and put the corn in the refrigerator until morning.

Two tablespoons of corn meal or three well beaten eggs, three tablespoonsfuls of cream or new milk, and a small handful of flour, with a little salt. Drop in spoonfuls into hot fat, and fry of a light brown. Or else cook them on a griddle iron like any other cakes, and we can assure you that poor fiddlers will see that a larger extent of sweet corn is plucked for the next season, because he will relish the dainty dish so highly. With baked new potatoes and corn fritters, he will frequently think that hog and hominy may be set aside for another day.—*Contra Genterman, MILLS AS MEDICINE.*

The London *Milk Journal* says, on the authority of Dr. Benjamin Clarke, that in the East Indies warm milk is used to a great extent as a specific for diarrhea. A pint every four hours will check the most violent diarrhea, stomach ache, incipient cholera, and dysentery. The milk should never be boiled, but only heated sufficiently to be agreeably warm, not too hot to drink. Milk which has been boiled will not be used. This writer gives several instances to show the value of this substance in arresting this disease, among which is the following: "The writer says: It has never failed in curing in six or twelve hours, and I have tried it, I should think, fifty times. I have also given it to a dying man who had been subject to dysentery eight months, usually accompanied by one continual diarrhea, and it acted to him like a charm. In two days his diarrhea was gone, in three weeks he became a healthy, fat man, and now nothing that may hereafter occur will ever shake his health in hot water." A writer also contributes to the Medical Times and Gazette a statement of the value of milk in twenty-six cases of typhoid fever, in every one of which its great value was apparent. It checks diarrhea, nourishes and cools the body. People suffering from disease require food quite as much as those in health, and much more so in certain diseases where there is rapid waste of the system. We have to get the nature of the soil, and when we have got it we must be careful not to waste it. *Country Gentleman.*

THE CROPS.

The reports from nearly all parts of the country represent the crops of wheat and rye as being heavier and of better quality than for several years past. In Iowa and Nebraska the winter wheat was winter-killed, but a large portion of land was sown in spring wheat, which gives a heavy yield this season. The wheat crop of Minnesota is said to be the largest and finest ever grown there. Utah, Montana, Arizona and Nevada will have a surplus of wheat, while California will almost equal the heavy crop of last year. The wheat crop in the Southern States was scarcely an average one to the acre, but a larger bread was sown than usual.

The drought which prevailed to put the corn crop short has ceased, and there are few sections in which abundant rains have not fallen within the last fortnight. Illinois will not produce as much corn as heretofore, but may lack there, and in Ohio and Indiana, will be more than made up by Kansas, Nebraska, North Missouri and Southern Iowa. This section has received as many as half a million of people within the last three years, and most of these are engaged in farming, being the staple product.

The farmers of the Connecticut Valley have been watering their tobacco plants by hand for weeks, but recent rains have relieved them from this labor, and the plants are now growing finely. In Maryland, Virginia and Kentucky tobacco has generally had a fair start. It is backward in Pennsylvania, but the recent rains will bring it out.

Crops will be an average crop throughout the country, its shortness in some sections being compensated for by fine growth in others.

Reports in Southern papers report the cotton crop to be in very favorable condition at present. The rains which prevailed so extensively in some parts of the cotton region fortunately subsided in time to allow the crop to be cleared of grass. Only the soil was worn, and devastating storms can prevent the planters from reaping a full harvest.

In the Southern States the fruit crop is in full swing, and peaches and apricots will soon be on market in good condition and at reasonable rates. Grapes are promising as far as heard from.

Riot crops of all kinds are in good condition, and the potato bug is only ravaging small sections.

Fakers altogether the year promises to be one of extraordinary productivity.

The POTATO BUG.—W. H. Richard, Chicago, in writing to the *Times*, and *Post*, on this subject says:

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